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1. PROFESSOR ROBERT M. STERN, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, VOLSPEAKER, ICS/DE. "THE ACCOMMODATION OF INTEREST BETWEEN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." WS-00
 2. QP-G, ED-VG, AR-VG, RO-E.
 3. SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY FORTY-MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. AUDIENCE OF ABOUT FORTY ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY OF TRADE AND TREASURY HEAVILY REPRESENTED. STERN MADE CLEAR, PRECISE PRESENTATION OF HIS VIEWS. MINIMUM OF JARGON AND VERBIAGE. ARGUED UNCTAD PROPOSALS SUCH AS BUFFER STOCKS UNFEASIBLE BECAUSE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WILL NEVER COOPERATE. SUGGESTED IMPROVING "OLD ECONOMIC ORDER" BY LIBERALIZING TRADE BARRIERS WHICH DISCRIMINATE
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AGAINST LDC'S. MALAYSIAN AUDIENCE DISAGREED BUT STERN

UNRUFFLED, STUCK TO HIS GUNS. OBVIOUSLY KNOWLEDGEABLE.
NEGATIVE ASPECT OF HIS TALK: STERN USES "UH" TO A
DISCONCERTING DEGREE. HIS SMOOTH BUT OCCASIONALLY
BLAND STYLE HAD SOPORIFIC EFFECT ON SOME IN AUDIENCE.
NEVERTHELESS, HIS PROGRAM TIMELY, OF INTEREST TO
MALAYSIANS AND THUS WORTHWHILE.
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